

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN NORTH YORKSHIRE IN 1980. At about 1330 on the 12th October 1980, whilst returning from Roundhill Reservoir, having counted the ducks and geese there for the national counts, I was crossing the dam when I noticed a very large butterfly flying leisurely from Leighton Reservoir. It flew near to me and then continued purposefully along Roundhill Reservoir up into the hills. It seemed to be on a strong migration route. Weather: light cloud, bright, clear, sunny, warm with light north east breeze.

The butterfly's identity, I readily and amazingly noticed was a Camberwell Beauty, *Nymphalis antiopa* L. I was both surprised by the late date and the high place for it. It was the first I had seen in England, although I had seen them in the Massif Central of France in May. — PETER CARLTON, 19, Peckfield Close, Hampsthwaite, Harrogate, N. Yorks.

OXYCERA FORMOSA MG. (DIPT.: STRATIOMYIDAE) IN S. E. LONDON. — In 1979, *Ent. mon. Mag.*, **115**: 154, I noted the uncommon *Oxycera morrisii* Curt. from Maryon Wilson Park, Charlton, where a single male was taken that year. I can now report the occurrence of a second uncommon species of the genus in the same locality, namely *O. formosa* Mg. — an equally unexpected find, both species tending to be very local and chiefly known from further north and west. The present one has been taken in Surrey and Sussex (Verrall) but I am unaware of any previous record for Kent, or for the London suburbs. Two females were swept from ground vegetation near one of the streams flowing through the park (derived from springs arising on Shooters Hill, the local eminence) on 28th July last. The species is one of those with extensive yellow markings in the female, more restricted in the male. As mentioned in the note cited above, I took one of the latter sex in Norfolk in 1979 at the edge of a swamp, where water can sometimes be seen welling up from the ground. It thus seems possible that *O. formosa* favours fresh running water or spring water for its development, which would explain its apparent absence from the rather well worked Thames Marshes area (where the handsome black and green *O. trilineata* L. occurs very sparingly). — A. A. ALLEN.

STIPHROSOMA SABULOSUM HAL. (DIPT.: ANTHOMYZIDAE) IN THE LONDON SUBURBS. — This curious little subapterous fly is, I think, rarely recorded, and then mostly as an inhabitant of coastal sand-dunes. Its trivial name may suggest exclusive attachment to this habitat, but in fact any such idea is erroneous. I have met with it three times in the south-eastern environs of London, as follows:— Blackheath, one at edge of small garden pond, 2.vi.63; Charlton, one sifted from vegetable litter in garden, 4.vi.78; and finally again at Charlton, a pair *in cop.* and a male, by grubbing at the foot of a willow in Maryon Wilson Park, 25.vii.80. In no case was the soil appreciably sandy. With only tiny strap-shaped vestiges of wings, *S. sabulosum* is clearly one of those species liable to be passed over by dipterists not in the habit of sometimes